Village Unions in the State.

520. * **MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE** (*Muvattupuzha cum Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of Village Unions in the State and in Kottayam Division ;

(*b*) the amount so far (till 30-10-1120) collected to the credit of Village Unions in the State and in Kottayam Division ;

(*c*) the amount so far spent by the Village Unions in the whole State and in the Kottayam Division till 30th Edavam 1120 ;

(*d*) the amount outstanding to the credit of the Village Unions in the whole State till 30th Edavam 1120 ;

(*e*) what may be the reasons for such great outstandings when there are urgent works to be completed in the places under such Village Unions ; and

(*f*) from how many places have the Government received representations complaining about the slow progress of the work of the Village Unions?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : (*a*) The number of Village Unions in the State at the end of 1120 was 39. Eight more Unions have been sanctioned to be constituted since.

In the Kottayam Division there were 13 Unions at the end of 1120. Of the new Unions sanctioned, 4 are in the Kottayam Division.

(*b*) Rs. 79,090-10-6—Rs. 39,012-5-1 (till 30th Edavam 1120).

(*c*) Rs. 44,744-26-14—Rs. 19,899-9-15.

(*d*) Rs. 46,157-11-8.

(*e*) Non-availability of materials required for public works was one of the main reasons. But works of an urgent nature have been attended to.

(*f*) None.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE : May I know what arrangements have been made to speed up the work in the Village Unions ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : Recently the Director of Public Health has been put in charge of that work and he with his assistants are expediting the clearing of arrears, if there are any, as alleged by the member.

Village Union for Aymanam.

521. * **MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any representation for a Village Union in Aymanam pakuthi, Kottayam taluk, reached Government ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under enquiry.

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